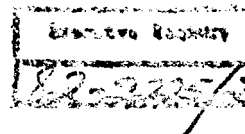


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NOTE FOR: DDI

FROM: DCI

Bob:

Where do we stand on the Community
estimate suggested in the Senior Review
Panel report for the purpose of hammering
out agreed views, with whatever variations
emerge, on Soviet oil production?


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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL
NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Report on Intelligence Performance
on Soviet Oil Production

1. The attached report by the Senior Review Panel is forwarded for your information.

2. Your comments will be welcomed by the Senior Review Panel.



WALTER ELDER

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REPORT OF THE SENIOR REVIEW PANEL
ON INTELLIGENCE PERFORMANCE
ON SOVIET OIL PRODUCTION

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PART ONE -- FINDINGS

I. Setting

1. In early November 1981 the then Director, National Foreign Assessment Center, requested the Senior Review Panel to undertake an examination of NFAC's work on Soviet oil production. In January 1982, the DDCI asked that the Panel's study be broadened to include an assessment of the performance of other components of the Intelligence Community and of the Community as a whole.

2. This study covers Community performance from the earliest efforts to the present, but concentrates on the period from mid-1976 to date. The record establishes clearly that CIA and DIA were the only members of the Intelligence Community with a significant analytic and publications effort on Soviet oil production. Outside the Community, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) of the Department of Interior produced a number of unclassified studies of Soviet geology and reserves. The Treasury, State, Energy, and Commerce Departments were keenly interested in global oil estimates, but lacked energy intelligence analysis groups. Those of their offices most concerned with the subject were policy arms and did not publish independent intelligence judgments on Soviet oil prospects. Accordingly, we have of

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